

## Warning against army coup in Beirut

BEIRUT. — Fighting continued without letup in Lebanon yesterday as Moslem Premier Rashid Karame warned against a possible army coup d'état to end the civil war.

The civil war had last night spread from the burning and shattered Lebanese capital across the countryside as the leftist-backed Palestine Liberation Organization forces shelled Christian towns and villages in a bid to ease a Christian blockade against three Palestinian refugee camps near Beirut.

A spokesman for the Phalange army, which fields the largest Christian private army in the civil war, however said that the blockade against the PLO-controlled camps could be lifted only when they are completely disarmed and brought under state control.

Beirut radio late last night said clashes involving heavy weaponry were raging in several Lebanese areas. The radio said that increased numbers of gunmen have taken to the streets of Beirut, warning that all the city's districts and approaches were "unsafe." The radio said that a huge fire was blazing by late last night near the parliament building.

Earlier in the day a huge fire had broken out in the city's port. The state radio made frantic appeals to all firemen to assemble at once. A thick black pall of smoke flowed over the seaside area of the capital. The radio said it emanated from one of the biggest port warehouses.

Police reported 39 persons were killed and 60 wounded in overnight clashes. This sent the total casualty toll past 500 killed and 1,000 wounded in the latest week-long round of sectarian conflict.



Fires burn in warehouses of Beirut port during fighting yesterday. Beirut harbour background, while snow-topped mountains in rear are site of now deserted ski resorts. (AP radiophoto)

While the fighting raged unabated, Lebanon's Maronite Christian President Suleiman Frangieh conferred for five hours with seven other top Maronite leaders. One of the seven, Shaker Abu Sleiman, made it clear afterwards that the meeting had not resulted in any change in the Maronites' stand.

In Cairo, President Sadat yesterday warned Israel against any exploitation of the present situation in Lebanon. Speaking at a press conference, he said: "I discussed this with President Ford during my visit to the U.S. (last November) and told him frankly we shall not tolerate any Israeli exploitation of the situation in Lebanon. 'If this happens, we have our responsibilities to fulfil'."

The President, who said he had recalled the Egyptian Ambassador to Beirut for consultations, did not say what action Egypt would take. (AP, Reuters)

IL50M. TO BUS CO-OP

## Egged calls off its threatened strike

By ASHER WALLFISH and YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporters

Egged called off its threatened strike as a last moment agreement was reached between the bus cooperative and the government yesterday.

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi announced in the Knesset last night that Egged would get IL50m. as interim financing to keep the cooperative going. He said Egged plans to return to implement the recommendations of the Golomb committee by mid-March 1976.

The Golomb committee, whose recommendations already have government approval, said Egged must improve its financial situation by selling all business assets and investments not actually part of the bus network. Members would get deposit certificates (tesdot pitadon).

## Agatha Christie's last mystery

LONDON. — Agatha Christie, unassisted an "astronomical" fortune from her 85 books, 17 plays and various film rights, the late writer's agent said yesterday, but the exact amount remained a mystery.

"The amount she has left is a deep secret and will remain so until her will is read," said a spokesman for her literary agent, Hughes Massie Ltd.

A private funeral for Dame Agatha, who died on Monday aged 85, will be held on Friday at Chelsea Parish Church near her country home in Wallingford, 55 miles west of London.

Another mystery remaining is the identity of Dame Agatha's heirs, although much of her wealth was held by trustees for the benefit of her family. The principal heirs are likely to include her husband, Sir Max Mallowan, 71, a prominent archaeologist. (AP)

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## Sadat ready for Geneva talks without Palestinians

CAIRO. — President Sadat said yesterday Egypt is ready to return to a reconvened Geneva Middle East conference without the participation of the Palestinians but will try to secure a place for them at the negotiating table.

Indicating continuing differences with the Palestinians over strategy in future peace moves, Sadat also rejected any change in UN resolutions 242 and 338 during the current Security Council debate.

He was speaking to newsmen at his villa north of Cairo after a meeting with Canadian Foreign Secretary Allan MacEachen.

Asked if Egypt would resume negotiations with Israel in Geneva if the Palestinians were not present, Sadat replied: "We shall be ready to go like we went in December 1972. We are ready to go and fight for the Palestinians to join Geneva. We believe the whole process must be pushed and we don't believe in saying no to everything."

Sadat's remarks indicated he was not about to sacrifice the opportunity for further progress toward an Israeli-Arab settlement for a recalcitrant Palestinian movement that has been subjecting him and his moderate policies to a steady barrage of denunciations since he signed the second Sinai agreement last September.

Egypt had previously rejected the idea of changing the two main Middle East resolutions of the Security Council, but Sadat said he would like to see the Council adopt a new resolution "recognizing the Palestinians as a political problem rather than a refugee and humanitarian problem."

In his talks with the Canadian minister, Sadat said he would welcome Canadian recognition of the PLO. MacEachen said Canada believed the Palestinians should take part in any negotiations "but we have not pronounced ourselves on whether they should be represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization. We leave this for parties involved to decide." (AP)

## Sinai area to the UN

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

UN forces yesterday took over from Israeli troops an 80 sq. kms. stretch of desert southwest of Suez in a further stage of redeployment in Sinai. The withdrawal will end on February 22 in accordance with the interim agreement signed in Geneva last September.

The area evacuated by Israel yesterday will become part of the new UN buffer zone between Israel and Egyptian territory. The Egyptians on Friday will move into a section of the present buffer zone, facing the section vacated by Israel yesterday.

This will be the first area in the redeployment to be taken over by the Egyptian army which will eventually move into the entire existing UN buffer zone. The Egyptians have already moved into a strip along the Gulf of Suez where they are limited to a civilian presence.

The area vacated yesterday is east of Ras Massalla, some 18 kms. south of Suez.

The next stage in the withdrawal comes on January 26, when Egyptian forces will enter a section of the present buffer zone in the northern Sinai sector. There will then be a series of redeployments until February 22, when the UN will take over the Mitla and Gidi passes.

In Washington, President Ford yesterday signed an order which will send up to 200 U.S. civilian volunteers to the Sinai buffer zone between Egypt and Israel.

Ford said it will help "ensure that the United States' role in the early warning system enhances the prospect of compliance in good faith" to the agreement.

## U.S. oil firm fined

WASHINGTON. — The Commerce Department announced yesterday that it has imposed a \$1,000 fine on a fifth U.S. importer for failing to report a request to support the Arab boycott against Israel.

The fine was imposed on Getty Oil Co. as the result of an agreement with the company. Kuwait had asked Getty to state before exporting oil field equipment from the U.S. "we certify that the goods listed are not of Israeli origin nor do they contain any Israeli materials."

The U.S. oil firm said it was not aware of the request. The Commerce Department said it was "not aware of any request" and that the fine was imposed "because of the company's failure to report the request."

## Four terrorists killed in North

By YORAM HAMIZRACHI Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An army patrol killed four terrorists yesterday in a clash near Moshav Margalit, at the Lebanese border west of Kiryat Shmona.

Signs of infiltration of the border by the terrorists were found about midnight, and army units began to comb the area using special illumination techniques. Settlements in the region were alerted, and guards in all of them were increased. Roadblocks were also set by the border police and the army.

The terrorists were found in the morning, hiding among bushes near Margalit. Apparently they sought shelter there from the heavy rains of Monday night. The fight was short but intense, with the four being killed by the initial burst of fire.

The patrol suffered no casualties. All four terrorists were identified as members of the "Rejection Front," comprising four groups of terrorists who rejected Yasser Arafat's political moves. Three of the four were in their mid-20s, while the fourth appeared to be much younger. All wore olive drabs of the type used by the Lebanese army, hats of Chinese manufacture

## Egypt calls for Geneva parley with the PLO

'Moderate' Arab motion seen

UNITED NATIONS. — Egypt asked the Security Council yesterday to call for a resumption of the Geneva Middle East conference with participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization on an equal footing with Israel and the Arabs.

Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed El-Matroud made the demand to the Council in the second day of its Middle East debate. Shortly before Meguid spoke, President Sadat said in Cairo that Egypt would be willing to return to the Geneva talks without the PLO and push for Palestinian participation once the conference resumed. (See Col. 4.)

Egyptian diplomats were not prepared to say immediately whether there was a policy difference between the statements by Sadat and Meguid. Egypt, Syria and Jordan were listed to speak when the Council convened yesterday afternoon.

As the Security Council yesterday continued its debate on the Mideast, informed sources here said that the Arabs are seeking a moderate resolution that the United States can go along with and not use its veto power. This strategy, according to the sources, is aimed at creating a rift between Israel and the U.S. This is very likely to happen, the sources said, if the U.S. finally does not cast a veto. In that case, Israel will be internationally isolated more than ever before, the sources said.

The Council meeting, which is boycotted by Israel because of the PLO's participation, will be presented possibly with amendments to resolutions 242 and 338, or with additional provisions to those resolutions. According to the sources the amendments to the resolutions will ask for recognition of the "national rights of the Palestinians," will demand the resumption of the Geneva conference with the participation of the PLO, and request Israel's withdrawal from all Arab territories taken in 1967. Resolution 242 calls only for Israel's withdrawal from "territories."

Other sources said that a resolution would be introduced demanding that

Israel withdraw to its 1967 borders within a year under penalty of UN sanctions. Another possible resolution is a call to establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Syrian Ambassador said yesterday that Syria seeks the implementation of all UN Mideast resolutions, revealing possible differences with the PLO. "We advocate the complete implementation of all UN resolutions without exception," Syrian Ambassador Mouaffak Allaf told a reporter before the Council met yesterday.

Allaf had been asked if Syria excluded the resolutions rejected by the PLO from those it wanted carried out.

The Arab states have named a five-member "Palestine committee" of moderates and radicals to draft a resolution for the Security Council.

The Egyptian envoy said the committee included Egypt, Syria and Jordan, Libya — the current Arab member of the Security Council, — and the PLO.

The Council voted 11-1 on Monday to seat the PLO at the debate. The U.S. cast the only dissenting vote, while Britain, Italy and France abstained. (See story on page 4)

An Israeli official confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday that Security Council President Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania has been in contact with Israel's UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog, urging him to participate in the current Council debate which Israel is boycotting because of the presence of the PLO. It was learned that Herzog and Salim would meet today to discuss the issue. But Israeli sources here insisted that Israel is determined not to attend the sessions. (UPI, JTA, AP)

## Rabin says he hails statement by Sadat

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that he hails the statement by Egyptian President Sadat's statement yesterday that PLO participation in a renewed Geneva Conference was not absolutely necessary. "If it is true," noted the Premier, "it is an achievement of the interim Sinai accord with Egypt."

Rabin was addressing a dinner of the Prime Minister's Israel Bonds Conference in Jerusalem, attended by 250 Bond leaders, his wife Lea and Mordechai Shalev, Israel's Ambassador to Canada.

Rabin warned that if the UN Security Council changed Resolutions 242 and 338, "it could lead to political chaos and tag-teamism, and who knows what." But if "the U.S. and the rest of the free world stood firm," he added, they could prevent unfortunate circumstances within the next few months. Appearances lead to nowhere and encourages extremism, said the Premier. "I hope that the U.S. will stand by its commitments and statements."

The Premier, whose speech was broadcast live by satellite all over the world, departed from his customary style of address and instead asked and answered five of his own questions: "What is the essence of the Middle East conflict; what is Israel's peace plan, what is Israel's solution to the Palestinian problem; how will Israel react to the Security Council's actions; and what can world Jewry do to help?"

Responding to the questions he posed, Rabin said that lasting peace is being forestalled by the refusal of Arab leaders to become reconciled to Israel's existence. The Palestinian issue "not the heart of the problem but necessary to solve it" — can be worked out in negotiations with Jordan and "certain Palestinian representatives from the areas" through a Jordanian-Palestinian state, not a third state between Israel and Jordan.

Perhaps the best hope for peace, he maintained, is a long-term one that the Arabs will gradually adjust their attitudes towards Israel.

Turning to the Bonds leaders, the Premier called for total Jewish solidarity in the face of total Arab mobilization against Israel.

The Bonds leaders, headed by general chairman Sam Rothberg and Bonds president Michael Arnon, will leave Jerusalem this morning for two days, with Ma'alot, the Tefen Industries, Ginosar, Mount Gilboa, and the Golan Heights on their itinerary. (Pera — Page 2)

## U.S. asks \$1.6b. Israel aid for next year

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Ford Administration has reached a preliminary decision to recommend \$1.6b. in economic and military assistance for Israel during the next fiscal year which begins in October, informed U.S. sources revealed yesterday.

Although the foreign aid package for the current fiscal year, which contains \$2.2b. in aid for Israel, is still awaiting final Congressional approval, Administration officials have already reached initial decisions on next year's amounts, the sources said.

Israel, which requested more than \$1.6b. in aid for the next fiscal year, can still be expected to attempt to change the Administration's preliminary decision. Prime Minister Rabin, who arrives here at the end of the month, will raise this issue with President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger.

President Ford will submit his total budget for the next fiscal year to the Congress later this month, but he is not expected to earmark specific sums for Israel at that time. He will do this in a supplemental budget request presented to the Congress later this year.

Meanwhile, Israel and the U.S. have not yet reached agreement regarding the supply of U.S. aid to Israel from this July through October, the three-month "transition period" between the old and the new fiscal years. The U.S. Government is changing its fiscal calendar this year to run from October to October instead of from the traditional July to July.

Israeli officials here hope that the U.S. will supply aid to Israel during these three months at the same rate as the previous year, but the U.S. has not yet agreed to this.

## U.S. will consult

on UN stand — Allon

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israel and the U.S. have agreed that the Americans will not adopt any stand in the Security Council without consultation with Israel; that the Security Council should not be permitted to appoint itself a de-facto peace conference; and that no resolution should be permitted which imposes a solution by majority rule, as the majority is hostile.

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon thus summed up his visit to the U.S., as he returned home last night after a stopover in Britain. (JTA)

## Moro asked to form cabinet again

ROME. — President Giovanni Leone asked ousted Premier Aldo Moro last night to try to form a new government and avert the threat of national elections a year ahead of schedule.

Moro, who has served as premier four times, reserved a decision. He was expected to give Leone his answer after talks with his own Christian Democratic Party and other politicians.

The last government, a minority coalition of Christian Democrats and Republicans also led by Moro, collapsed last Wednesday. (UPI)

## FOU FAILS TO FIND ANGOLA PEACE FORMULA

ADDIS ABABA. — African presidents headed home yesterday after failing to agree on a peace plan for Angola.

The possibility of a greater U.S. role in Angola grew yesterday after a White House spokesman said that President Ford would ask Congress when it returned from vacation next week to lift its ban on American assistance to Angola.

Deep divisions at the Organization of African Unity summit meeting in Addis Ababa blocked recognition of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement (MPLA) as Angola's sole legitimate government.

Most observers consider the summit — called specially to try to bring peace to Angola — as a humiliation for Africa. It is the first time in 12 years that the OAU has been unable to find a compromise on an important continental issue.

But OAU chairman Idi Amin of Uganda, exhausted from 12 hours of debate that ended at dawn yesterday, said he and eight OAU vice-chairmen would make unspecified peace moves and report to the next summit, in Mauritius in June.

The leader of UNITA — one of the two Western-supported factions in Angola — expressed pleasure to

newsmen at the failure of the MPLA to gain membership of the OAU. The states divided 22-22, with two abstentions, on the issue.

The summit never took a vote, OAU sources said, after delegates recognized early that an even split existed between members seeking endorsement of the MPLA and others insisting that the OAU call for an Angolan coalition while remaining neutral in the conflict.

Amin suggested that a committee of "six wise men" be named to seek a solution. Nigeria reportedly dropped its insistence on recognition of the MPLA in submitting a compromise resolution. But neither idea came near winning approval. Sources said a 10-member group named by Amin to study the Nigerian proposal was unable to agree in a two-hour session during the night.

The conference even failed to agree on yet another call for a cease-fire and on condemnation of South Africa — which had both seemed foregone conclusions before the three-day debate began. OAU sources said the MPLA supporters rejected a cease-fire on grounds that the struggle against South African forces should continue.

Opponents of the MPLA insisted

on linking an anti-South African statement with specific condemnation of the Soviet Union and Cuba. MPLA supporters would agree only to a general rejection of big-power involvement that did not name the powers.

In Washington, White House press secretary Ron Nessen said yesterday that President Ford would ask Congress next week to lift its ban on U.S. assistance to Angola. Nessen had been asked for a presidential reaction to the OAU summit failure.

"The President still feels the best solution is a series of goals he set," Nessen replied. "These are cease-fire, an end of all foreign intervention, and a withdrawal of all foreign forces and a government of national unity in Angola."

The president would continue to work through diplomatic channels to give a limited amount of assistance "to countries who share those goals and he will seek congressional approval to do this."

The U.S. was at present using money previously approved by Congress for "limited assistance" to Angola, some of it being channeled through other countries. (AP, Reuters)

## Americans frantically lobby African delegates

By LEV JOSEPHS Special to The Jerusalem Post

ADDIS ABABA. — In the lobby of the Addis Ababa Hilton, American officials frantically lobbied delegates to the OAU. Since there were 46 delegations and 22 heads of state there were a lot more Americans in town than usual. Ordinarily, diplomatic pressure is not applied "on the spot" but the storm over Angola did not come to Dr. Kissinger's attention until the eleventh hour, and there was not enough time to rely on regular diplomatic channels. Eighteen OAU members had recognized the MPLA as Angola's rulers.

The Russians were also very busy, and newsmen were fed a steady supply of well-edited Soviet press releases in English: up-to-the-minute data on the struggle for peace, justice and freedom by the bloodletters of the MPLA.

But the FNLA and UNITA delegates, whose alliance is fast breaking down over old tribal rivalries, also had a smooth-running propaganda effort.

As was the case in Biafra and the Congo, the opposing sides first attracted the same strange bedfellows — China and South Africa both supported the U.S.-backed movements at one time. The Chinese eventually withdrew open support for the UNITA-FNLA coalition, but Chinese officials were also much in evidence in the Addis hotels. The "social imperialists" (Chinese parlance for Russians) and their Cuban puppets have preempted Chinese efforts in Africa, whose nations comprise the most numerous bloc in the so-called Third World.

China, like many Western states has invested a lot of aid in Africa. The dividends have been meagre —

a few Mao books are sprinkled among the complete works of Lenin in the Ethiopian bookstores, a ping pong camp tours East Africa, politicians (including the U.S.-backed coalition in Angola) favour severe Maoist attire. The Chinese build a match factory in Conakry, but Guinea still goes along with the Soviets.

In Africa, any kind of aid from any source is taken eagerly and nothing is owed in return, as Israel found out to its chagrin. But the Soviets — and the Americans — are well aware of this, and the aid is now conditional on diplomatic support.

Ethiopia, for example, is fast turning into a radical communist state, but it abstained in the UN vote against Israel and in the OAU resolution recognizing the MPLA as the sole government of Angola. Ethiopia's stand is directly related to dependence on the U.S. for mili-

tary hardware. And the State Department last week made the U.S. policy official — if you vote against us, and you are vulnerable, we will cut off aid.

The U.S. is, moreover, about to embark on a huge \$7,000m. aid scheme to the dirt-poor Sahel countries. The aim is to make the biggest impact possible, and the poorest countries in the world — Niger, Mali, Upper Volta, Chad, Mauritania — have been picked to receive aid exceeding their GNP. It is part of an all-out U.S. effort to stop the Soviet advance in Africa. The super-power rivalry is fast taking on the aspect of a giant struggle for the continent, on the scale of the battle between Christianity and Islam in Black Africa.

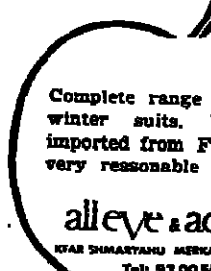
The crisis atmosphere was very much felt as an unprecedented number of newsmen thronged to the OAU summit. Africa Hall was filled

to capacity for the conference, with all seats in the chamber and the galleries occupied. Among the observers were FNLA leader Holden Roberto and UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi. OAU chairman Field Marshal General Idi Amin Dada told the assembly he had personally invited the FNLA and UNITA chiefs to the conference chamber. The MPLA leader, Agostinho Neto, refused to attend the summit, but sent his foreign minister Jose Eduardo Dos Santos.

Outside Africa House, and around the main hotels, tough Ethiopian soldiers armed with Uzi sub-machine-guns patrolled the streets. Black American reporters, wearing African clothes, interviewed African spokesmen wearing Mao-style uniforms. Bare and nightclubs were filled to overflowing, and business was booming in a city where tourism has been almost nil since the revolutionary regime took over.

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## THE WEATHER

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Weather synopsis: Warm air from Libya spreading to east Mediterranean.  
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Golan	49	12-16	13-19	
Valley of	58	4-7	5-11	
Safad	48	12-16	13-19	
Haifa	39	9-18	10-21	
Tiberias	27	7-13	8-15	
Nazareth	34	10-15	11-16	
Afula	54	15-17	13-19	
Sharon	59	16-17	13-20	
Tel Aviv	62	17-19	13-19	
B-G Airport	59	16-17	13-20	
Jericho	59	10-20	12-22	
Gaza	52	13-17	13-19	
Beer Sheva	50	10-16	11-18	
Eilat	42	10-20	15-24	
Tiran	36	11-20	12-22	

## Social and Personal

The new Uruguayan Ambassador, Alejandro Rovira, yesterday called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu.

Dr. Sergio Ribeiro Da Costa, Attorney-General of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was received yesterday by Supreme Court President Dr. Shimon Agranat and by the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Arye Dulzin.

The Australian Ambassador, Richard Smith, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Anthony Rotter, Cultural Attache, yesterday visited Bar-Ilan University. They were received by the Rector, Professor Milon Sprecher, and the Director-General, Mattityahu Adler.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, on Monday met with the 84-member UJA Overseas Programme 11 Mission, led by Walter Segalov of Newport News, Va. (Communicated)

Aharon Shnitzer is to address Haifa Rotary Club, at the Nof Hotel today at 1 o'clock, on "The Origin of Jewish Family Names." Ladies invited.

The annual distribution of 50 secondary school scholarships will take place at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA at 1 o'clock today.

The Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper will be held at 8.15 on Friday night in Beit Ha'am. Meir Ben-Dov, speak on "New Discoveries at the Temple Mount" and Dr. Uri Milstein will talk about "The Zionist Militia in New York."

## ARRIVALS

Werner Zeller, Regional Director of Swissair, for discussions on the company's tourism plans for Israel.

## IL1b. owed to builders for completed jobs

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN  
TEL AVIV. — "The Government and other public bodies owe the building industry more than IL1b," David Stern, president of the Builders and Contractors Association, said yesterday at a meeting of the organization's executive committee. He attacked the Government's policy of delaying payments for completed work.

Recent financial failures of substantial building concerns, such as the R.I.L. and others, have focused public attention on the building industry, he said. In an effort to assist its members, the association has completed an in-depth study revealing that the two major reasons for financial failures are poor management and delays in receipt of money due for completed work.

The average builder is forced to finance his client for an additional 60 days over and above the contractual period, he said, adding that this situation is particularly aggravating in periods of tight credit conditions, as in 1975. As a result, building in the private sector is being curtailed severely, with the average builder adopting a policy of caution towards any new building starts, he said.

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# Busing may be introduced for junior high schools

By ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EDUCATION MINISTER Aharon Yadin announced yesterday that he is considering introducing busing in the "reform" junior high school units to help social integration.

New legislation would redraw school district lines, and employ busing from area to area to induce greater mixing of pupils from affluent and disadvantaged population groups, he said yesterday. He was speaking at the annual study day on social problems, held by the Information Centre's Institute on Political and Social Information at the capital's Holyland Hotel.

In development towns, where the majority of pupils are from deprived families, and there is no possibility of mixing them with other pupils, greater efforts would be made to supply better teachers and lift up the cultural level of the entire community, he said.

Mr. Yadin said that the social

integration which was one of the major goals of the "reform" high school scheme, has not materialized. "The problem is financial and structural, but not conceptual. I continue to have faith in the junior high school scheme," he said.

Prime Minister Rabin told the meeting that the country has already gone too far in the direction of universal social services — sometimes to the detriment of the poor — and that, under the present economic conditions, he favours the selective approach to social welfare.

He also called on the country to return to its earlier socialist ideals of work and productivity, warning that we may eventually reach the stage where no foreign source to "schnorr" contributions from might be left. He scored the fact that for lack of local manpower, Israeli Aircraft Industries still employs over 500 foreign workers, and that some industrial plants can't be fully utilized because no men can be found to work a second shift.

# Soviets immigrants want to take charge of arrivals in Vienna, Lod

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the motions to be proposed at the upcoming convention of the Association of Soviet Immigrants will be to allow the association to take charge of the arrival procedures for new immigrants in Vienna and Lod.

The convention will be held at Kibbutz Shafayim from January 18 to 20. All the proceedings will be in Russian.

The 530 delegates were chosen earlier this month in countrywide elections by 86 per cent of the 44,000 registered association members.

Deputy association chairman Grisha Feigin told the press yesterday that the preliminary absorption procedures are inadequate and would be best handled by new immigrants "because we know the mentality of the Soviet newcomer and we understand his psychology as no government functionary can."

In Vienna, he should also be in charge of attempts to dissuade those who decide to go elsewhere instead of Israel, because no one

can be as convincing as a new immigrant himself.

Mr. Feigin stressed that all the official bodies dealing with immigrants should include on their staffs recent arrivals from the USSR, as they know the Soviet scene best.

Feigin's co-deputy chairman, David Yafit, accused many of the officials dealing with immigrants "of plain apathy. They seem to lack any awareness at all of the Zionist role they should be playing and are operating as if theirs is just another job."

He noted that the association carries on "a loud and open campaign on behalf of Soviet aliyah. It is the only strategy that can succeed. We supported and still support such moves as the Jackson amendment. Contrary to what some people claim, the amendment did not hurt aliyah and things might have been much worse without it."

Some 115,000 immigrants have come to Israel from the USSR since the late 1960s. Only about 5,000 of them have left the country since.

# No trade shirts on TV

THE TEL AVIV MACCABI basketball club failed in its bid to get a reversal of the Broadcasting Authority's decision not to televise its games so long as the Authority's rules on indirect advertising are not met. The High Court yesterday turned down the club's application for an order against the Authority's decision.

The Authority's management committee announced last June it would not televise sports matches if teams and stadiums did not adhere to its rules on limiting indirect advertising. These included display of billboards along one low wall only, and a ban on mobile ads, including firms' names on players' dress.

Tel Aviv Maccabi, which by then was sporting the Elite company's name in players' shirts, was immediately affected. (It had earlier agreed to do so in return for a IL250,000 contribution to the club by Elite.) Talks between the Authority and the club broke down, and television stopped carrying the national champions' games.

The bench supported another argument by the club, that it was being discriminated against. Television, the club argued, permitted a form of indirect advertising by

presenting "service broadcasts" for various public bodies.

Justice Landau and Shamgar had sharp criticism for the Broadcasting Authority on this subject, noting that Television's recent agreement to broadcast Payis results, in return for payment of IL330,000 a year, was certainly a form of indirect advertising. But the answer to this argument, the court ruled, was to re-examine policy on "service broadcasts", not to open the door wider by including Maccabi's ads-accompanied games.

## New housing project for Samaritans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A third housing estate for Samaritans may be established in northern Israel, under the auspices of a group of friends now being formed, according to "Al-Fajr", a fortnightly published by the Tel Aviv Samaritans. There are now Samaritan quarters in Shechem, outside Nablus, and Holon.

## T.A. Hapoel V beat Italians

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A late flourish of hoops gave Tel Aviv Hapoel a 96:78 victory over Chinamartini of Turin at Yad Eliahu Stadium last night, but failed to wipe out a 24 point advantage that the Italians won in the first leg of their Korac Cup quarterfinals clash.

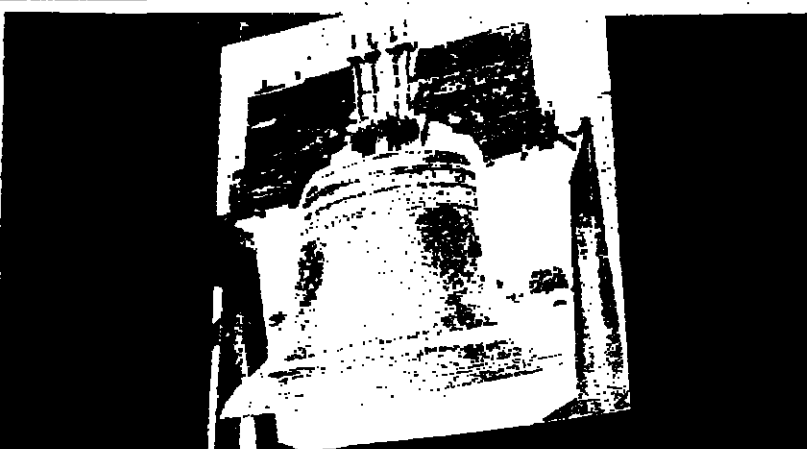
Led by the brilliant Barry Leibowitz, Hapoel got to within two hoops of an overall triumph when the score stood at 92:71 with two minutes to play. Leibowitz amassed an amazing 48 points.

Trailing by the 51:67 defeat in Turin last week, Hapoel was surprisingly slow in their stride until an all-out attacking game was called for. At half-time, Hapoel led 49:41, increasing the lead to 14 points. Chinamartini reduced the gap to six points, 73:67, before Hapoel dashed into a 21-point lead.

Avissar scored 17, Spit 12, with Cima top scorer for the visitors with 24 points, Riva getting 18 and Laing 17 points.

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# IN THE KNESSET State told not to pay for Raphael ad.



Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek sign a scroll which was buried at the Liberty Bell garden yesterday. (Camera 13)

WHO HAS TO pay for the full page advertisement prepared by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and published in "Ma'ariv" last Friday? That IL2,000 question (the cost of the advertisement) continued to bother certain Knesset Members yesterday.

On Monday, a few MKs submitted parliamentary questions regarding the advertisement, fearing that, in the end, the taxpayer will have to foot the bill. The paid newspaper message, containing a portrait of Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael, described the Ministry's work.

Yesterday, more complaints mounted and Yitzhak Kargman, chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that he will tell Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz that "payment for the advertisement cannot come from the national budget, either directly or indirectly."

In a press release issued after the committee's meeting, the Ministry of Religious Affairs spokesman stated: "The newspaper 'Ma'ariv' had planned to publish a special Re-

ligion in Israel" supplement for Rosh Hashana issue. Circulars were mailed to religious institutions over the country, soliciting contributions of material for the supplement. The Ministry also requested such a circular.

"We prepared an advertisement which gave excerpts from a speech in the Knesset by Mr. Raphael, in which he describes our activities. Then, adds the spokesman, "technical reasons not connected with us, publication of the supplement was postponed till last Friday and its size reduced to four pages, all of which were institutional advertising matter."

"Had we known of this behind-hand," the spokesman told The Jerusalem Post last night, "we would have let the advertisement appear in the Ministry message of this type, which would be proper only within the framework of a large supplement."

He added he was surprised Knesset Finance Committee had asked on the matter without first having invited a Religious Affairs Ministry representative to answer the charge.

# Labour to push electoral reform Probe asked of Alignment for Alignment

LABOUR MKs in the Knesset Law Committee decided yesterday to push the Electoral Reform draft bill through the Committee without delay. The draft bill, drawn up originally by Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi, would do away with the present system of proportional representation. Instead there would be a mixed system whereby about two-thirds of the Knesset would be returned from constituencies and one-third in proportional representation.

The consensus among the group of Labour MKs was that the reform would not be ready for the next elections, mainly because of the objections of Mapam, the NRP and the ILP.

The Law Committee is currently handling the preliminary version of the draft bill. After approval in the Law Committee, the draft would go back to the plenum for a regular first reading, then back to the Law Committee anyway.

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SHMUEL TAMIR (Likud-Free) yesterday asked the State Comptroller to probe the Alignment's receipt of funds from the Histadrut Campaign in North America in a recent contravention of the party's funding laws.

Tamir yesterday wrote to the comptroller-general of the Histadrut in the Labour Party, asking them to explain how Labour was getting this money year after year in defiance of the law, and yet despite the fact in forums as high as the Supreme Court.

Tamir told The Jerusalem Post "The Histadrut Campaign in North America has been sending us \$100,000 annually to Beit Berl, a Labour College near Kfar Saba, where the Histadrut here in Israel, Beit Berl has been sending the equivalent to the Labour Party funds."

More dollars for this purpose have been raised this year than before Tamir claimed. He said he had informed that Beit Berl's book showed this year's IL150,000 to the Labour Party 60 per cent, plus IL250,000 more to Beit Berl-Arlossoff corporation (which holds Labour's assets).

Tamir also asked the Speaker to convene party heads from all factions to seek ways of eliminating the multiplicity of party financing systems, not all of which were open to public inspection, and some of which he said, had been arranged in secret deals.

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# Peres tells Bonds leaders: Cairo reserves plan 'raises peace chances'

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DEFENCE MINISTER Shimon Peres said yesterday that he is encouraged by evidence that Egypt is reducing its standing army "by an important percentage" and trying to organize a reserve force to take its place.

Addressing the morning session of the Prime Minister's Israel Bonds Conference at the Jerusalem Hilton, Peres noted that the regular army of "our most important neighbour" comprised 800,000 men during the Yom Kippur War, but that, "probably following Israel's example," Egypt is now trying to organize a reserve formation. "We are looking with hope to this development," he said, "because when a nation reduces its war machine, it increases the chances for peace."

Although Egypt has not yet recovered all the equipment it lost in the October War, he continued, Syria has surpassed the pre-war arms level, thanks to the Russians. "But it still is not a military sensation," Peres noted. Syria is trying to take over leadership of the Arab world by becoming "the most extreme, outspoken and high-pitched critic of Israel" of any nation in the area, he said.

Peres praised the 250 Bonds leaders on their organization's quarter-of-a-century of accomplishment in agriculture, industry, aviation, shipping and national infrastructure, and urged them to go on helping build Israel — "still one of the most independent states on earth."

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## 20,000 builders will be sacked, says union study

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has demanded an urgent meeting with the ministers dealing with economic affairs to discuss the effect of the Government's proposed budget on the standard of living.

A study prepared by the Histadrut and released yesterday showed social services will decline by 16 per cent. Municipal rates, water and electricity bills will rise by about 25 per cent. People living in Amidar homes and rent-controlled flats will be charged higher rent. Education fees will also go up, the study says.

The cut in the development budget will force 20,000 workers out of the construction sector, the study predicted. It will thus bring to 67,000 the number of non-employed people (including the unemployed, mothers, students and others).

The study, prepared by the His-

tadrut's institute for social and economic research, expressed fear that the expected three per cent cut in the standard of living will hit the poor especially hard. Budgets for social welfare will be reduced, and the needy will have to pay for some services, the study pointed out.

But employees will, eventually, be compensated for 70 per cent of the price rises. Arnon Tiberg, head of the economic department of the Manufacturers Association, yesterday estimated that the cost-of-living allowances due this year will cause the average income to rise by IL500 a month, (at present, the average monthly income is IL2,100).

He told the College of Administration here that a 12-13 per cent increase in income (due to the C-o-L allowance) is due in April and a further 8-9 per cent in October.

## Bar-Lev at odds with Treasury and the Bank

By GIDION ESHET  
Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

DESPITE INSISTENCE by the Bank of Israel that credit to manufacturers for export be linked to the dollar, this will not be done, according to Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

The central bank has insisted on such linkage, arguing that export goods manufacturers often take large loans, but later export less than they originally planned. If there is a devaluation in the meantime, they make a profit on the loan.

But the Commerce and Industry Ministry has adamantly opposed this linkage, in the fear that it would cause a reduction in exports.

The Minister, speaking to reporters in Jerusalem yesterday, also indicated that the present law for encouraging capital investments is likely to remain in force for at least another year, although the Cabinet decided three weeks ago that it should be changed. That decision, prompted by the Treasury, called for linking 50 per cent of development loans to the price index, and charging five per cent interest. The ceiling of linkage-plus-

interest was to range from nine to 14 per cent, depending on the development zone in which the investment is made.

At present, such loans are unlinked. The Commerce and Industry Ministry has argued that the new law should provide for tax exemptions for investors in development towns. But the Treasury has opposed this, on the grounds that this would make for deviations from the income tax reform effected last July.

Such a deviation, Bar-Lev argued yesterday, would be minimal — but the existing high tax rates discourage potential investors. He pointed to figures from the U.S., showing the tax paid in New York was 48 per cent — compared with 52 per cent here now, and 61 per cent planned for the future — with New York investors getting a 10 per cent discount as investment credit. In Puerto Rico, he said, investors are exempt from all taxes for 30 years.

Passage of the new law, it seems, will be delayed by this disagreement, and it is unlikely to take effect before April, 1977.

## Alpert is forced to retire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The powerful secretary of the labour council here, Uri Alpert, has been forced to bow to old age and quit before the end of his tenure, which expires in 1977.

The Histadrut Central Control Committee decided yesterday that the 65-year-old secretary "is pensioned off for all purposes." But in order not to disrupt the Labour Council's activities, he may remain in office until June 30 "in the status of a retired man" i.e. on a retired man's pay.

The committee decision was in accordance with Histadrut regulations requiring that employees retire when they reach 65. But Alpert argued that elected officials should be allowed to complete their tenure.

He also said that his identity card and his application for work with the Histadrut made 23 years ago carry a wrong date of birth, that he was born in 1906, and not July, 1907, as registered. The control committee decided to go by the official registration.

The struggle, which began in 1973, involved the Histadrut's Central Committee (which in August decided to allow Alpert to remain in office until last December 31). The Secretary-General of the Labour Party, Meir Zarmi, a few days ago recommended that Alpert remain in office for another six months.

Alpert told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday he was studying the Control Committee's decision. He was ready to continue as the labour council's secretary on pension for the remainder of his tenure. Alpert added he may appeal against the decision to allow him to remain in that capacity only until June 30.

## Emphasis on pioneering spirit distinguishes Israel's scouts

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "We've been around a long time and more have changed. But we still insist on a 'Good deed a day' and I still tell the Scouts that a day without one, is a day lost," said the Chief Scout of Israel's Scout Movement, 84-year-old Aryeh Kroch. *The Post* interviewed him a few days before the annual reception next Sunday of a delegation of Israeli Scouts by President Ephraim Katzir, Honorary President of the Israel Scout Movement.

The annual reception by the President usually takes place during Succot Week, but in honour of Mr. Kroch, who has been the moving spirit behind Israel's Scouts for nearly 60 years, it has been moved to Tu B'Shvat, his birthday.

Is there any difference between Israel's Scout Movement and Scouts abroad? "Well, I believe the traditional Baden-Powell scout activities, centred as they are on rubbing two sticks together to make fire, are infantile. And indeed, it is a fact that elsewhere scouts don't stay in the movement much beyond their 14th birthday. Here, we keep them till 18, when they join the Army," Kroch said. "We are not only Scouts but also a youth movement, and we put a great emphasis on pioneer Zionism, i.e. settling the land."

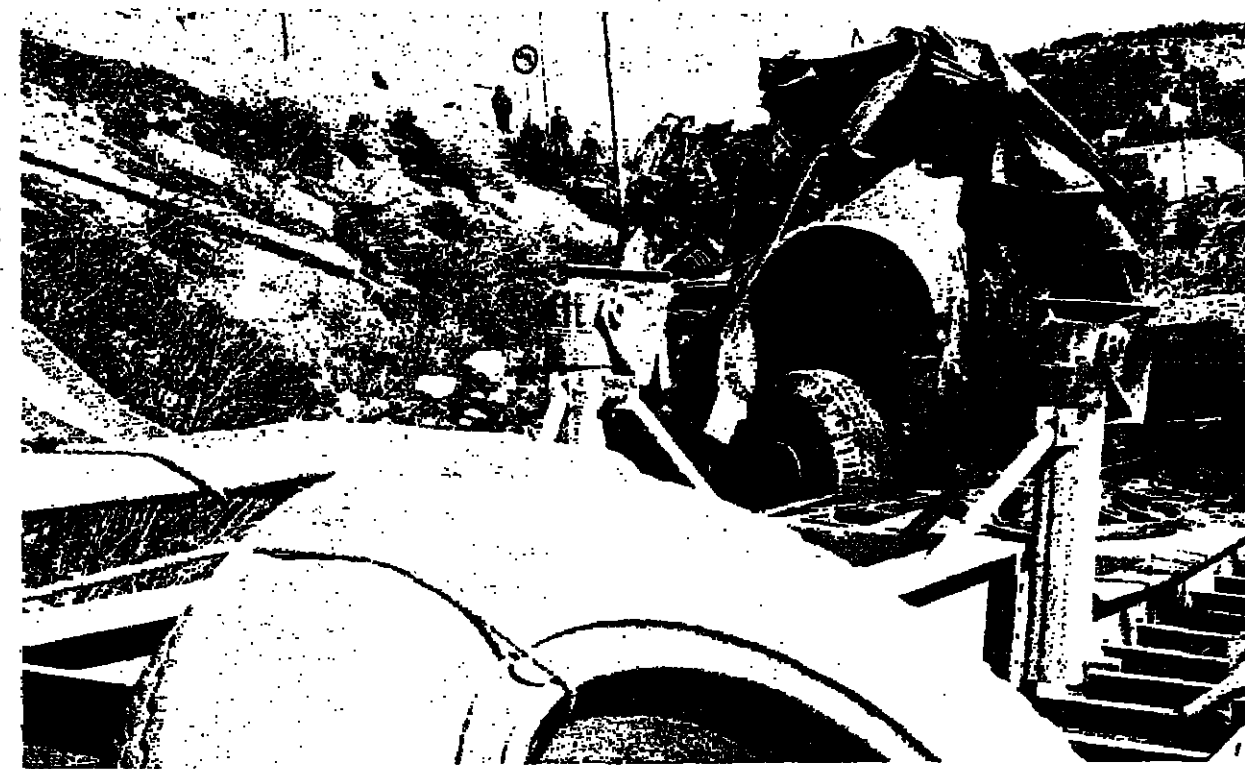
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Chief Scout Kroch

rated. We have for years tried to persuade scout movements abroad that it is futile to keep maturing boys and girls apart, but so far without success. But we're still trying and when we succeed that will be our Good Deed with a capital G."

The Scout Movement in this country was founded after the First World War, in 1919, when immigrants from Egypt, who had learned of it from British troops, brought the idea to the country. In Poland, Kroch headed the Hashomer youth movement (forerunner of Hashomer Hatzair). He decided on his arrival here in 1920 that he preferred a non-political youth movement, and joined the Scouts. In 1924 he was elected Chief Scout,



NOT ONE of the thousands of cement bags being carried by the semi-trailer, above, remained intact when it crashed down off the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway at the Motza Bridge yesterday. The driver was extricated from the wrecked cabin and taken to hospital with injuries. The scene of almost daily accidents in past years, the Motza Bridge curve has not seen many accidents since it was widened and regraded last year.

## More collisions, fewer casualties

By ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The year 1975 ended with 654 persons killed on the roads. This is 62 fewer than in 1974, when 716 people died in traffic accidents. (The death toll was 683 in 1973.)

The relatively large — nine per cent — decrease in road fatalities takes on special significance in view of other statistics comparing 1975 with 1974. The total number of accidents (14,500) decreased by only 1.5 per cent. The total of motor vehicles on the road increased by four per cent. The average annual kilometrage of vehicles

remained unchanged. The number of accidents per km driven decreased by about five per cent.

These facts were released by the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday.

The year 1975 started with a hopeful record, a 14 per cent drop in road fatalities during its first half. This led over 1974 narrowed to only four per cent during the third quarter of the year. In the final months it even turned into a seven per cent increase over the same period of 1974, culminating in a high death toll of 74 in December.

The decrease in the number

of fatalities was not equally shared between motorists and pedestrians. The majority of lives saved were among drivers and their passengers. In fact, the share of pedestrians among fatalities grew from 46 per cent of the total in 1974 to 52 per cent in 1975.

In spite of these figures, experts say it is still too early to evaluate the impact of the seat-belt law, which went into effect on July 1.

In the administered areas the number of persons killed on the road came to 215 last year, 26 more than in 1974.

## Nikui Rosh returns without the Sibonis

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BARRING A NEW crisis television viewers will have their favourite humour show, "Nikui Rosh," back on their screens tomorrow night. It will be a welcome return for the fortnightly revue, following two last-minute cancellations in as many months.

The cancellations were decreed by Broadcasting Authority director Yitzhak Livni because both scripts contained references to a case pending before the courts. The offending passages have been deleted.

Since "Nikui Rosh" — "Brain wash" — is based mainly on slurs lampooning officials and events in the headlines, tomorrow night's programme will offer a tongue-in-cheek treatment of the current outcry against the "protection" racket reportedly rampant in the big cities.

The return of "Nikui Rosh" without its having sparked a strike or work sanctions represents a victory for Mr. Livni since his actions in banning the two earlier programmes angered not only TV staff but mem-

bers of the Jerusalem Journalists Association as well.

The latter met several times to discuss what procedures, if any, could be taken against Mr. Livni for allegedly muzzling the producers of "Nikui Rosh." On Sunday association representatives met with the Broadcasting Authority's managing committee, but failed to convince them that Livni had erred in cancelling the most recent programme, though the script dealing with crime had been heavily revised to remove any traces of reference to the case before the courts. (That case concerns the Siboni brothers of Mevaseret Yerushalayim, who are accused of employing rough-arm methods to acquire property in their village.)

On Friday, representatives of the Journalists Association will confer with Education Minister Aharon Yadin, who is responsible for supervising the authority. The journalists will stress their concern for ensuring freedom of expression by television producers.

## Siboni claim of prejudice by judge is rejected

Albert Siboni's appeal to the Supreme Court to disqualify a Jerusalem District Court judge from conducting his trial on charges of violence and extortion was yesterday rejected by Supreme Court President Shimon Agranat.

His lawyer claimed that widespread coverage by the media of the alleged reign of terror by the Siboni brothers in Mevaseret Yerushalayim, and Police Minister Shlomo Hillel's Knesset statement, that the Sibonis had a formidable criminal past, would have influenced the judge Eilahu Noam. He should therefore disqualify himself from handling the case, the lawyer said. When the District Court rejected this appeal, counsel appealed to the Supreme Court.

Judge Agranat agreed with the appellant that Hillel should not have made any public statements regarding the case as long as it was before the courts, but rejected the claim that the Minister's declaration would prejudice the court. "The judge is a professional, not a layman," Agranat said, "and it is not possible that he would give the accused anything but a fair, objective trial." (Itim)

## Ramallah mayor argues with Peres over settlement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMALLAH. — Mayor Karim Khalaf yesterday demanded from Defence Minister Shimon Peres that the authorities ban the Jewish settlement bid at the nearby Ofra army camp, as well as elsewhere in Judea and Samaria.

Mr. Peres, who was visiting Ramallah and its twin town, El-Bireh, responded by saying: "Nowhere in the world should any group of people be forbidden to settle, providing there is no law-breaking involved."

Jews "have a perfect right to live near Ramallah," he said, adding that he saw no reason to prevent Jews and Arabs living side by side, with the aim of promoting peace.

"Does this hold good only for Jews?" Mayor Khalaf returned, asking whether "Arabs could go back to Ramle and Jaffa, where they once lived." The mayor said the authorities should not expect him to prevent the town's children from demonstrating against the Jewish settlement.

Mr. Peres said Mayor Khalaf should not be drawn into an extremist posture. Then he asked the mayor — "Let's be honest — were the citizens of Ramallah ever so well off and free under the Jordanians?" The Defence Minister said that no one had forced the Arabs, to leave Ramle or any other place and that those who remained there became Israeli citizens, enjoying equal rights.

In El-Bireh, Mr. Peres had a more relaxed conversation with Mayor Ahmed Darwish and local councillors on issues ranging from development matters to treatment at the Jordan bridges.

## Deputy Mayors for Nazareth

NAZARETH. — The newly-elected town Council here yesterday elected three Deputy Mayors: Ralk Jarjura and Kamal Daher, who represent the leftist academics in Mayor Tausik Zayyad's Democratic List and Moonam Jarjura of its ally, the Rakah New Communists.

The Council also appointed 11 committee members and the ruling Democratic faction came in for its first criticism from Nazareth Development faction Councillor Haled Zuhbi who complained that the executive had not given proper representation to the three minority factions.

## Would-be bride from U.S.: Unstable or just sensitive?

THE FATE OF a young couple who wish to marry is in the hands of the doctors of the Be'er Ya'acov government hospital, who must decide whether the woman, an American who arrived in Israel yesterday, is to be permitted to remain in the country.

The hopeful bride, aged 29, was detained yesterday by immigration officers when she landed here and transferred to the hospital for psychiatric observation. She was listed as *persona non grata* a year and a half ago when, after she had disembarked from the plane bringing her from the U.S., she suddenly panicked, broke into tears and ran back into the plane. She was examined by doctors,

declared mentally unstable and ordered to return to the U.S.

However, her fiancé, an Israeli lawyer, claims that while his intended wife is "a little sensitive," she does not use drugs, is not unbalanced, and should not be barred from entering the country.

While the woman, whose passport was stamped "conditional entry permitted," is at the hospital, the legal battle to enable her to stay in Israel may proceed. Before she was dispatched to Be'er Ya'acov she was not regarded as having formally entered the country and it was thus impossible to demand her right to remain here. (Itim)

## Real to play 'for real'

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

B-G AIRPORT. — Despite their colossal 47-point advantage over Maccabi Tel Aviv, Real Madrid in no way underestimates its Israeli opponent and intends to fight every inch of the way, the visiting basketballers said on arrival in Israel yesterday.

The Tel Aviv hoopsters will play their return match against the Spanish champions tomorrow night, and face the Herculean task of wiping out their 125-78 defeat in the first-leg game of the European Basketball Cup quarter-finals last week.

Meanwhile, the Israel star team was knocked out of the State Cup tournament on Monday night in the biggest local sports upset in many years when it succumbed to the kibbutz basketballers of Gvat-Yagur 69-86. It was the Tel Avivians' first defeat in six years of cup games.

The kibbutzniks' victory was even

more amazing as their star scorer, Boaz Yanai, did not play, because of family mourning. Tel Aviv Maccabi fielded their strongest side, but showed the effects of their rout at the hands of Real Madrid last Thursday.

Under the leadership of veteran Itamar Marzel, Gvat-Yagur succeeded in slowing the pace of this third-round cup clash. At half time the squads were level at 36-36. Midway through the second period, Gvat-Yagur surged into a 10-point lead, 58-48, but Maccabi came back to level at 64-64, before the kibbutz squad clinched the game.

Orr Goren was top scorer for Gvat-Yagur with 25 points, Teicher getting 14 points. Silver scored 25 points for Maccabi, with Brodie next best with 12 points.

## Stevedores now find it pays to work hard

HAIFA. — The stevedores at Haifa port are finding that, thanks to the tax reform, it pays them to work harder. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the men have stepped up citrus fruit loading to between 14,000 and 15,000 cases loaded per gang in each shift, compared with 10,500 they used to limit themselves to in the past, in order not to pay excess income tax.

The norm for fruit loading is only 4,100 cases per shift, which they are now exceeding by a record several hundred per cent.

The hard work now gives them incomes of between IL7,000 to IL8,000 each a month. Thanks to the tax reform, and the possibility of setting off the high winter earnings against their low income last summer when there was very little work in the port, the greater effort is now worth their while.

## Opium found in onion patch

TEL AVIV. — The police, acting on a tip on Monday, found 113 grams of opium in the garden of a resident of the Hatikva Quarter here. The drug was hidden in several bags under onion seedlings. The searchers also found a scale and weights, smoking utensils and a container with traces of the drug, inside the house. They believe the man smuggled the drug into the country when he returned from a trip to Iran recently. (Itim)

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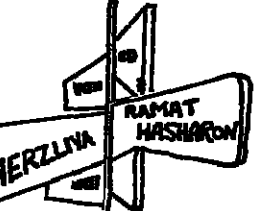
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Kaddoumi: time for UN to recognize 'objective facts'

## Eleven—of 15—Council members vote to hear PLO delegate

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council, overriding strong American opposition, yesterday voted to seat the Palestinian Liberation Organization during its Middle East debate — just as if the terrorist group were a UN member.

U.S. Ambassador Daniel Patrick Moynihan said the only negative vote.

The right of veto did not apply because the vote was strictly procedural. Israel is boycotting the debate.

Eleven members supported PLO participation. Britain, France and Italy abstained in the vote.

Council President Salim Ahmed Salim, the Tanzanian chief delegate, proposed the seating of the PLO delegation. He cited the decision by a majority of the members on November 30, when the Council agreed to Syria's request for a full-scale review of the Middle East situation.

Voicing his opposition to seating the PLO, Moynihan said that if the Council accorded this privilege it could look forward to welcoming dissident factions from half the world.

Moreover, he said, the PLO suffered from the disability that while it was not a member state it did not recognize Israel's right to exist. Israel, he said, was a member state whose right to exist was guaranteed by the UN charter, which the Council was pledged to uphold.

The PLO further refused to acknowledge the authority of the Council, which, in Resolutions 242 and 338, had undertaken to uphold the rights of the states of the Middle East, the U.S. delegate said.

"These are the resolutions which form the underpinnings for the Middle East peace negotiations which have taken place so far... My government is not prepared to go

along with action which will undermine the negotiating process, which is the only process which can lead to peace," Moynihan said.

"The representatives of the PLO have repeatedly told the General Assembly of their hostility to systematic negotiations and their hostility for the work of this Council.

"They categorically rejected Resolution 242, which for years has served as the only agreed basis for serious negotiations. The Security Council... can act, as it has done, with distinction in ways which have been essential to peace, especially in the Middle East. The preservation of its integrity and effectiveness deserves our care and attention."

The U.S. delegate said the Council should not repeat its "mistaken, ad hoc decision" of December 4, when it invited the PLO to take part in the debate on the Israeli attacks on terrorist targets in Lebanon.

During the lengthy procedural debate that preceded the Council decision, Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik, who was president in November, asserted that members agreed then that the PLO be invited to take part in the proceedings.

In response, British Ambassador Ivor Richard accused Malik of having delivered a diatribe that was misleading, mischievous and designed to confuse rather than clarify the situation.

Explaining Britain's position on the proposal to seat the PLO, he expressed reservations but added that as a majority of the members favoured issuing the invitation, he would not press procedural objections by voting against it.

In his opening statement, Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department, commented on the Israeli boycott of the debate. This showed, he said, who in fact

wished to frustrate the Council's will.

Kaddoumi said the time had come for the Council to adopt a resolution that recognized the objective facts in the region, beginning with the Palestine question and the need to find a just solution to it, "so that our people may exercise their inalienable rights in their homeland."

He told the Council that "our struggle is not against the Jews in Palestine, but against the Zionist movement, its racist doctrines, expansionist practices, and aggressive intentions, which had led in fact to the exile and homelessness of our people."

"We have also declared our categorical rejection of any alternative homeland. Our people have one homeland, Palestine, and we struggle for its restoration and the exercise of our historic and inalienable rights on its sacred soil."

Palestinians who had lived in exile since 1948 and those living under occupation expected the Council to adopt a resolution which would and their tragedy, offer them a brighter future and a path to return to their homeland, Kaddoumi said.

In its transitional Programme, the PLO envisaged an independent Palestinian state in Palestine, Kaddoumi went on.

"Israel today in yet another of its more notorious attempts to frustrate the will of the international community and to subvert the intent of that resolution is proceeding shamelessly with elections under military occupation," he said.

"Our people, in exile and under occupation, have made it abundantly clear that there will be no alternative to the establishment of an independent sovereign state in Palestine as the General Assembly has resolved."

(PLO at UN, page 8)

The PLO delegation at the Security Council.



Members of the New York Police bomb squad remove one of three pipe bombs found at the UN on Monday.

## Soviets told: stay out of Sino-Japanese treaty

TOKYO. — Prime Minister Takeo Miki yesterday bluntly reminded the Soviet Union that conclusion of a Sino-Japanese peace treaty is a Japanese-Chinese affair and not that of a third party.

The Japanese leader made this statement a few hours after the departure for Moscow of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko following a five-day official visit. In a final news conference, Gromyko accused China of seeking hegemony in Asia and said this is a "good opportunity for Japan to show its diplomatic autonomy."

Miki later told foreign correspondents that he hopes to conclude the China treaty soon and added he was personally sorry it could not be signed while Premier Chou En-lai, who died last Thursday, was still alive.

Japan has been under continuing pressure from Peking to agree to include language in the proposed

treaty opposing hegemony, or domination, by any country in Asia. The Russians have taken this as directed at them and have told Japan the hegemony phrase in the pact would be taken as an unfriendly act.

Gromyko sought to persuade Japan to sign a peace treaty with the Soviet Union. Miki said yesterday, as he has said before, that Japan still insists on the return of four northern islands seized by Russia after World War II as a prior condition to such a treaty. Gromyko did not budge from the Soviet position that the return of the two smaller islands could be envisaged but not the larger ones.

In a vague but brief communique, Japan and the Soviet Union agreed to combine negotiations for conclusion of the peace treaty. The communique said both countries agreed to further promote trade and economic cooperation. They will also begin talks for conclusion of a cultural agreement.

(AP, UPI)

## Belfast bombing kills five

BELFAST. — A bomb exploded without warning yesterday in a crowded shopping area of Belfast, killing at least five persons. It was the city's first such bombing in more than two years.

It came as Britain's chief minister in Northern Ireland, Merlyn Rees, defended at a news conference the latest twist in British policy aimed to persuade warring Protestant and Catholic communities to share in the province's government.

Police said at least 20 persons were injured in the blast in Gallagher's do-it-yourself store. Four of the injured were reported in serious condition.

The bomb went off a short distance from where British troops and security personnel were frisking shoppers entering the precinct in the centre city security zone.

Rees defended Britain's decision to reconvene the Northern Ireland constitutional convention for an additional month, in a bid to tone down the majority Protestant report rejecting all power-sharing with the Catholics they outnumber two to one.

Protestant political leaders attacked the British decision, announced in Parliament in London on Monday. Rees had called for another attempt at "partnership and participation."

The Protestant stand is that as they will win every democratic run test at the polls, they are entitled to rule the province. No organization claimed responsibility for the bombing but suspicion fell on the Provisional Irish Republican Army, which has attacked several businesses in Belfast in recent weeks.

(UPI, Reuter)

## More bombs—and threats

UNITED NATIONS. — Stringent security restrictions were further intensified at UN headquarters yesterday following two bomb attacks coinciding with the Security Council's debate on the Middle East.

After three pipe bombs were discovered and defused on Monday, two bombs were planted near the Iraqi mission to the UN on Monday night. They also were defused.

Meanwhile, three telephoned bomb threats turned out to be hoaxes when UN guards investigated areas where explosives were said to have been planted.

U.S. Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan expressed regret yesterday to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim about Monday's incidents and pledged the full support of the American authorities to counter the campaign. A UN spokesman said the headquarters would remain closed to the public for the duration of the debate, expected to last 10 to 14 days.

Internal mail deliveries were

severely delayed yesterday as officials used detection equipment to guard against letter bombs.

A group calling itself the "Jewish Armed Resistance Strike Force" claimed responsibility for Monday's incidents in telephone calls to a television station.

Officials said the pipe bombs were not powerful enough to have caused extensive structural damage, but could have seriously injured anyone within a 50-foot radius. Shrapnel-producing cylinders containing propane gas were attached to the bombs to intensify their impact.

The bombs at the Iraqi Mission were found propped against a door leading to the mission's basement entrance. According to police, they were rapped in black plastic sheeting and were concealed in a shopping bag. Seven persons in the building were evacuated.

Police said the bombs were similar to those found at the entrance to a subway service tunnel near the UN library. (Reuter, AP)

## Spanish police evict post office strikers

MADRID. — Police evicted striking workers from the central post office and telephone exchange yesterday as the Spanish Government took a toughening line against alleged subversive groups.

Work stopped in many banks, factories and construction sites yesterday, but the number of strikers involved appeared fewer than the estimated 100,000 who walked out in Madrid on Monday, according to labour sources.

An explosion damaged an underground railway line on Monday, and eight other explosive devices were found.

Police also evicted striking workers from telephone company offices in central Madrid in the early hours yesterday after violent street demonstrations had been broken up. The telephone company said fewer

than 10 per cent of its 15,000 working in Madrid had joined the strike and services had not been disrupted.

Banks in Barcelona, Valencia, Seville and other major cities were paralysed by partial strikes, but factory workers in Madrid seemed to lack the organization to extend agitation to the provinces.

Behind the agitation were demands for more pay and political liberties.

Government sources said they were concerned about leftist attempts to exploit the labour unrest and disrupt law and order.

Interior Minister Manuel Fraga and Justice Minister Antonio Garrigues — leading reformists in the government of King Juan Carlos — issued public warnings that subversion would not be tolerated.

(Reuter)

## Lisbon food emergency

LISBON. — Prime Minister Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo held an emergency Cabinet meeting yesterday to discuss the rapidly rising prices and food shortages in Portugal.

In the north, four bombs blasted the home of a Communist politician, two leftist-owned shops and a small truck in Oporto. A Communist-owned restaurant was commingled in Povoia de Varzim.

Police said the attacks caused damage, but no injuries. The Communists also faced the

threat of violence in the Azores after being accused of cutting the throats of 12 cows owned by a prominent landowner. A farmer interviewed on the state-owned radio said any leftist caught on the mid-Atlantic islands was running the risk of being killed.

The Cabinet session in Lisbon was called as a shipload of imported potatoes eased prices, but meat, dairy products and other basic foods remained in short supply and expensive.

(UPI)

## Paris paper names 32 'U.S. spies'

PARIS. — The United States embassy here maintained silence yesterday on a detailed list published by Paris left-wing newspaper naming 32 embassy staff members as Central Intelligence Agency agents.

The newspaper "Liberation" said it would identify more CIA agents attached to the embassy today. It called the Paris embassy one of the largest CIA stations in the world.

"We have no comment," the official embassy spokesman said. He referred questions to CIA headquarters in Washington.

Named by "Liberation" as CIA station chief here was Eugene Bursch, who is listed as "attache" in the French Foreign Ministry's diplomatic book. Neither he nor others named, including 10 women, were available for comment.

"Liberation" said the embassy staff were only the tip of the CIA iceberg here. The agency had several hundred operators in Paris, the left-wing paper said.

The report was expected to arouse serious concern in U.S. circles because it came less than a month after the CIA station chief in Athens, Richard Welch, was killed by unknown gunmen. The Greek press had named him as a CIA agent.

The paper said it was cooperating with the American "Counterespionage" magazine which last year published the names of most alleged CIA bureau chiefs throughout the world.

"We are not police informers and we don't wish anyone to meet death," "Liberation" said, referring to the recent slaying of the CIA officer in Athens.

"Liberation" was founded more than a year ago out of a radical left-wing news agency launched by intellectual Jean-Paul Sartre. It said the list was assembled after a three-week investigation by a group of "Liberation" reporters helped by Americans "disguised by clandestine intervention of their government throughout the world."

In Washington a State Department spokesman said "Liberation's" action was "contemptible and inflammatory."

(Reuter)

## Five women in French Cabinet

PARIS. — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing increased the number of women in his Cabinet to five in a reshuffle announced Monday night which he said gave the French Government more women than any other Government.

The French President said, "We are the Government with the biggest female representation in the world."

Simone Veil retained the important Health Ministry job and two other women kept their junior government posts. Although Secretary of State for Education Anne Leclerc lost her job, Alice Saadoun, rector of Rhodan Academy and France's only female university chief, and Christiane Scrivener came in respectively as junior ministers for the universities and for consumer affairs.

(Reuter)

## German youth beat Israel handballers

KRIETTEL, West Germany. — A West German youth team beat the Israeli national squad, 28-14 (half-time 13-5), in a friendly handball match last night.

In their first game in Bensheim two days ago, the Israelis had beaten the youth team by 20-18.

Gedand yesterday was Israel's top scorer with six goals. (Reuter)

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## Torture alleged in Uruguay

LONDON. — Uruguayan authorities which seek the release of all political prisoners around the world, said that President Juan M. Bordaberry's government currently is making massive roundups of leftists. Not all are Communists, it said. Many of the detainees are prominent lawyers, doctors, teachers, writers and architects, Amnesty International charged yesterday.

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Bordaberry and Uruguay's military closed down congress and banned political and labour activities in 1973 in a campaign against Marxism.

Amnesty charged that security forces make many arrests in night-time swoops, wrecking houses and taking relatives of wanted men hostage.

(AP)

## Ecuador junta censors news

QUITO, Ecuador. — Ecuador's two-day-old military junta imposed strict censorship on the foreign and local press yesterday and moved to quash local opposition against continued military rule.

The junta, which deposed President Guillermo Rodriguez Lara in a mannerly coup early Sunday, issued an order on Monday night prohibiting all news media from reporting anything detrimental to the "established order" or the "honour and dignity" of the individual junta members.

The order cited the state of martial law declared immediately after Lara's overthrow as the reason.

Foreign reporters in Ecuador had their dispatches rejected by the government telex office on Monday night.

(UPI)

## Collision spills nuclear waste

MOREHEAD, Kentucky. — A truck loaded with what officials called "a tremendously low grade" nuclear waste collided with another truck on Monday, spilling its cargo along Interstate 64.

State officials said there was no danger to public health. The material was cleaned up quickly.

The truck was en route from the Carver Chemical Research Institute in Paducah, Kentucky, to a burial ground for nuclear waste at Maxey Flats, Kentucky. It was carrying 55-gallon drums containing concrete used for shielding around a nuclear accelerator.

The material was reloaded into the truck by a maintenance crew from the State Highway Department, assisted by a crew from the Maxey Flats depot, after an inspection by state officials.

(AP)

## 95 said killed in Sahara fighting

ALGIERS. — The Algerian-backed Polisario Front said yesterday that 95 Moroccan and Mauritania men had been killed and 121 wounded during fighting in the Western Sahara in the last two weeks of December.

A communique summing up military activity during the period said Polisario guerrillas had destroyed 18 military vehicles and captured nine others with a number of weapons. There was no reference to Polisario losses.

The Polisario Front is fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara, which has been handed over by Spain to Morocco and Mauritania after more than 90 years of colonial rule.

(Reuter)

## China buying vital metals

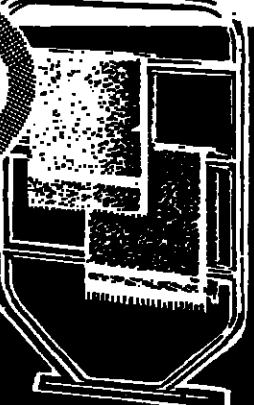
BRUSSELS. — China has quietly bought up huge amounts of aluminum and other strategic metals in the West, European business sources said yesterday.

No reason was given for the purchases. Western defence analysts said Peking may use the metals to expand its military and civil industry, to supply housing and other domestic needs, or to help Third World nations. Or, they said, it may have simply taken advantage of current bargain rates on world metal markets.

The sources said the biggest Chinese purchase was 250,000 tons of aluminum bought in August or September from a consortium of two European firms, Aluisse of Switzerland and Pechiney of France, for the relatively low price of \$165m.

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## Security Council debate

TAKING the floor at the opening of the UN Middle East debate Monday night, Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister," did not say, in plain words, that it is the PLO's most cherished ambition to have Israel, a member state of the United Nations, utterly destroyed. He merely let the conclusion be drawn from everything he did say.

There was hardly anything in Kaddoumi's essential reaffirmation of the Palestinian Covenant which had not been stated many times before by that retired warmonger, Ahmed Shukairy.

Certainly there was nothing in the PLO delegate's peroration which should have come as a surprise to Council members who had just extended to Kaddoumi the kindest speaking invitation in UN history. The invitation was not in order, argued U.S. Ambassador Moynehan, if only because the PLO did not recognize Israel's right to exist, and inviting it to take part in the debate would undermine the negotiating process.

The Security Council brushed the American objections aside, and by the overwhelming majority of 11 to one, with 3 abstentions, went on not merely to invite the PLO to the Council table, but to confer upon it "the same rights of participation as are conferred when a member-state is invited to participate under rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure."

This travesty of the rules was ostensibly based on the precedent of the PLO's invitation to take part in the debate on Lebanon's complaint against Israel last December 4. But whereas the previous decision could still have been dismissed as a momentary aberration, the new decision makes it a permanent aspect of the Council's jurisprudence.

This is no mere routine development. For what happened is that, in order to accommodate the PLO, a special new category of political entity — a political organization with the rights of a member state — was manufactured out of whole cloth, in brazen violation of the existing rules. The PLO had rejected as beneath its dignity the idea that it be invited to speak as a "mere" private organization, and it must have had good reason to turn down the possible status of a non-member state. For in the latter case it might have been required first to answer the question whether it accepted the Charter obligation of peaceful settlement of disputes. And if it were so asked, it would most probably have declined the invitation altogether. Wearing the mask of a fully-fledged member state, the PLO need fear no such embarrassment.

The consequences go far beyond a matter of badly wrecked procedure and into the very substance of the problem. A truly grotesque situation is created: the PLO, which has repeatedly refused the advice of friendly Arab governments to turn itself into a government-in-exile, because of the international obligations that this might involve, is being addressed by the Security Council as if it were the legitimate government of a sovereign state.

The Council's philosophy of "as if" may now be pushed even farther. Unless the U.S. takes firmer action than it has taken so far, the Council may yet decide to view the Palestinian Covenant as a prescription for Middle East peace, and to treat "Palestinian rights" as if they overrode Israel's rights as an independent state.

By the same token, of course, the present Council itself may come to be treated as if it simply did not exist for the purposes of peacemaking between the Arabs and the Israelis.

This could only increase the chances of progress in the Middle East.

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Yes sir, they have been supplied to the Golomb Committee, but only for its own use.

This response by Egged's spokesman illuminates the prevailing atmosphere at what is presumed to be a public service organization. On the face of it, Egged is subject to triple control — that of the Ministry of Transport, the local authorities and the Histadrut. But without proper accounting data, the efficacy of this control cannot be much.

Moreover, Egged has no commercial secrets to hide. It has no competitors — for it enjoys a statutory monopoly. The only reason for not disclosing its accounts must therefore be either to prevent the public from peeping into its operation, or sheer slovenliness.

In such circumstances, occasional misunderstandings and strains between the company and the authorities are unavoidable. Several times special committees were appointed to clear the mess, and to suggest ways and means for better control, but evidently to no avail. The committee appointed in 1974, headed by David Golomb — has just submitted its second interim report in which it complains:

"Unfortunately we did not get the minimum data for carrying out our task... The certified accounts of Egged for the year 1973-74... were received in early November 1975. The accounts for 1974-75, up to the end of last March were received in December. This data must still be scrutinized and analysed... We would not like to submit general and final recommendations based on archaic accounting data... We find it necessary to comment, that, lack of trustworthy and certified accounts is significant not only in that it obstructs analysis and control of the cooperative's situation by the committee or by any public body, lack of such accounts is also a proof of a grave fault in the cooperative's manner of management.

One could have expected the committee to go one step further, namely to unearth the causes of that "grave fault," including the Ministry of Transport's failure to live up to its responsibility to recommend steps to correct it. Such a recommendation would fall, exactly within point three of the committee's terms of reference. However, the committee

Egged's strike threat followed demands that the Government bail out the debt-ridden cooperative; however, assets transferred to members are worth more than the accumulated deficit. Post Economic Editor Moshe Ater analyses the findings of the Golomb Committee, charged with investigating Egged.

## Egged's chaotic books



preferred to shelve the respective recommendations to its final report, while suggesting for the time being a programme for financial consolidation of the faulty, bankrupt, and crisis-ridden cooperative, even though this operation is likely to involve large-scale recourse to public funds.

The committee's major suggestion looks revolutionary — but is hardly more than sheer common sense. In 1967 Egged transferred part of its assets — as a grant — to the private ownership of its members. Now that the cooperative is on the rocks, these

assets should be returned to it, and either sold or used as collateral for long-term loans. Egged claims that its accumulated deficit exceeds IL350m. However, the assets transferred to members are worth much more than that. Indeed, there seems to be no alternate way to rescue the cooperative unless its bills are paid by somebody else.

Nevertheless, one can hardly wax enthusiastic about this suggestion, just because it seems to be so self-evident. If there is no alternative, why did we need a public committee to deliberate for a year and a half to

produce it? Obviously, because Egged's member-owners do not see the matter that way. More exactly, because they still expect to be bailed out by the Treasury without taking part in the effort; without giving up any of the assets which they shared out among themselves at the public's expense.

The committee could have proposed restoration of the original grant as it was given — without compensation. But that would have raised a number of problems because of changes in individual ownership which have taken place in the mean-

time. The committee therefore proposes that the assets should be exchanged for capital notes issued by Egged, linked to the Cost-of-Living Index and to the commercial value of Egged shares.

Still the odds are that the proposal will be rejected. Most Egged members are sure that the government will save the bus cooperative just in the nick of time. But they prefer not to put all their eggs into this one basket. The assets they own outside Egged include a mixed bag of ventures, ranging from bus stations and hotels to real estate and securities.

Moreover, they are loath to lose the present pattern of their business, in which the public bus service operates at a loss and must be subsidized, while their private ventures earn good profits due in part to excessive fees charged to that very same public service. Even though the committee has no up-to-date accounting data, it is in no doubt about the fact that Egged has been deliberately overcharged by its members' companies, and that at least part of its deficits could be avoided if the present system of divided ownership (which could be aptly summed up as: "heads I win, tails you lose") would be abolished.

One cannot help being distressed to find that such a state of affairs prevails at the country's major cooperative, often quoted as a show-piece of labour management. And one cannot help wondering at the unwillingness of the Histadrut — which is also a minor shareholder in Egged's "private" companies — to stop the rot.

The committee's belief that matters which have been going on for decades can be changed overnight, and its recommendation that the government step in and purchase the assets for which there are no other takers, in order to consolidate Egged's finances, without first attaching some effective strings to this aid, is also dubious.

The committee states, that while it is aware of the deficiencies of operating the bus service by a cooperative, it unanimously considers the alternatives (i.e. both a publicly owned, and a privately operated, bus service) to be worse yet. However, it also states "with utmost emphasis" that a precondition for efficient public bus service is a clear and comprehensive government policy concerning such matters, which statement, of course, implies that no such policy exists to date.

Now, it may be true that in the current conditions, Egged — with all its shortcomings — is the lesser evil. But that would be a better bus service system, in whatever shape or form, Egged's increasing militancy does not augur well.

## PLO at UN is a direct challenge

Middle East Scene / Amran Safadi

THE PALESTINE Liberation Organization (PLO) yesterday established a new political foothold following its admission as a "state" to the Security Council debate.

The PLO's entry into the Security Council was made possible by an alliance between The Third World majority in the UN and the Soviet bloc which had previously sought to isolate Israel to make room for the PLO: first at UNESCO on November 20, 1974; then at the UN General Assembly on November 25, 1974; the UN Commission on Human Rights on February 19, 1975; in the World Health Organization on June 12, 1975; and the International Women's Conference on July 2, 1975; and, above all, at the Security Council debate on Lebanon's complaints against Israeli raids on December 4, 1975.

Introduction of the PLO as a spokesman for the "national rights of the Palestinian people" has two major implications: the first, a direct challenge to the very existence of Israel; the second, a challenge to a covenant vowing to eliminate the Jewish state; and second, an end to UN resolutions 242 (of 1967) and 338 (of 1973), both of which have so far governed the peace moves between Israel and her neighbouring states.

The PLO's chief delegate to the Security Council, Farouk Kaddoumi, has already served notice that his movement will carry on with its "military and political" struggle for the establishment of a homeland which would replace Israel sooner or later.

Syria, which demanded the current Middle East debate in its quest for an overall settlement whose aim would be to shrink Israel's borders, has been making it clear that it expects the Security Council to outline a concrete groundwork either for the Geneva peace conference or any other channel for implementation of what sounds like an imposed settlement. The Syrians obviously expect the first step to be made before the current mandate of the Golan-based United Nations Disengagement Observation Force (UNDOF) expires at the end of next May.

Even if the Syrians were to ease their pressure once more and agree to extend the mandate for another term, the PLO would maintain their basic strategy of "dragging the Arab states into another war with Israel."

In order to sustain what they consider to be a favourable political momentum.

Nevertheless, not all the dangers to Israel come from either the PLO or the Syrian militia stance. As the former Chief of Intelligence and Information Minister, Aharon Yariv, MK, emphasizes, part of the dangers come from Israel's lack of initiative as well as the subsequent pressure by the U.S. Yariv, who recently returned from a lengthy mission to the U.S. during which he had conversations with at least 70 Congressmen and Senators, believes that the time has come for the Government of Israel to put forward an overall peace plan of its own.

He believes that there is an urgent need to put forward an Israeli peace plan, complete with maps of what boundaries Israel ultimately sees for itself. He thinks it is necessary for internal reasons so that the nation will know where it is heading.

Ironically, of all the parties involved in the Middle East conflict, Jordan seems to be the most impatient over what it considers Israel's inactivity.

Jordan recently embarked on reinforcing its armed forces with a compulsory draft, an air defence system deploying U.S. Hawk missiles and the complete mechanization of its well-trained and well-disciplined ground troops.

Jordanian officials have been telling foreign correspondents recently that unless a concrete peace move is made in the region, a new war is likely to erupt in the "next few months." They feared that Jordan would eventually be "pulled" into such a war.

The Jordanians went further to say that the current Lebanese civil war "might remain on the local level but may lead to a new Mideast war in which Jordan and other Arab states would be pulled in."

The Jordanian officials claim that their government was now pushing its moderate policies in inter-Arab councils while taking advantage of its growing alliance with Syria. The indications were that Jordan was leaving the doors open for a dialogue with Israel despite its alliance with Syria and the PLO, providing Israel took the first step and regardless of the outcome of the current Security Council debate.

## READERS' LETTERS

### REALIZATION OF TRUE ZIONISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In response to the letter from Uri Markis, Director General of the Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency (January 6), I would like to suggest that he keep in mind the characteristics of the people he criticizes. Most of the 1,000 participants of the Koah group were youngish to middle-aged men and women coming from socially secure and economically comfortable American communities. For many, this was the first time they had had any desire to visit Israel. Due to the urgency resulting from the recent anti-Semitic resolutions in the UN, this was possibly the first time that many were seriously faced with having to define Zionism in personal terms. It would be unreasonable to expect instant aliyah from members of this group. In addition, deprecating their motives before they have had a chance to assimilate the impact of their experience in Israel is unfair and will serve no useful purpose.

One can only be happy about the active response of the Student Mobilization for Israel. However, in my opinion, it is of utmost importance to quickly act on suggestions for improving aliyah which have been cropping up for years. Specifically: eliminate bureaucratic red tape, increase rental housing, employ recent immigrants to help absorb new arrivals from their own country of origin, encourage groups to come to Israel together to develop perpetuating self-help communities, modernize methods of teaching Hebrew, etc.

If the Government and the Jewish Agency indeed take action and make significant changes, they will have demonstrated to the Jewish people "the realization of true Zionism." A people cannot expect sacrifice and commitment from others if they are unwilling to conform to the same ideology themselves.

Jerusalem, January 6.

E. HIRSCH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — A recent issue of the bi-monthly newsletter of the congregation of which we were members in the U.S.A., came to my attention. It was an item about the need to purchase Israel Bonds and a plea to write to Congress in support of the aid bill to Israel. Excellent. But there was no word about aliyah.

My personal view is that it is futile to expect or demand wholesale aliyah from the U.S. But a fair percentage of young men and women might well be attracted to a pioneering life in our underdeveloped areas, if repeated, widespread, effectively presented appeals were made to families in the U.S.

One simple way toward this end, it

seems to me, is as follows. Most medium to large congregations in the U.S. have newsletters that reach their members at periodic intervals. One or more members of many of these congregations undoubtedly have already made aliyah and are now in Israel. Why not encourage each of these former congregants of synagogues in the U.S. to contribute a "Letter from Israel" to the newsletter of their former synagogue or temple and on a continuing basis? Coming from a former member now in Israel, who may have a wide circle of friends in the synagogue, his "message" would have a personal impact.

M.S. GOLDSTEIN  
Jerusalem, January 9.

### MERCHANT NAVY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In reply to Ya'acov Ardon's erroneous and one-sided article of the merchant navy, I would like to clarify a few facts that I am sure most of your readers know nothing about.

I agree with Mr. Ardon's statement that the "merchant navy" has a double meaning — for the officer as well. If he would check with the customs, he would find out that many officers as ratings (proprietarily) are apprehended annually.

Also, Mr. Ardon's remark about running away from military service is unfair to both officers and ratings. During a war, the merchant navy is a major factor in the country's defense and supply system. Speaking of fringe benefits and filthy overtime, Mr. Ardon should dig into the masters', chief engineers' and officers' contracts and see that they are not far behind the ratings in this matter — if not ahead.

Mr. Ardon should also realize the 50 per cent of the profits and undesirable that were forced into the merchant navy in the "fifties are to day in command of our ships."

GREGORY NEMETSKY  
Bat Galim, January 5.

Ya'acov Ardon comments: Bosom Nemetsky confirms that the situation is highly unsatisfactory. The ratings heartily reciprocate the charges which the officers hurl at them. Both sides agree that a thorough enquiry by a public and independent commission is overdue, and the Transport Minister should take an active interest in transport.

FENFRIENDS  
ROBERT S. BORDEAUX (36), of 18 Brookline Avenue, Peabody Hills, Massachusetts 01908, works as a security guard and attends college. He would like to correspond with Israelis as he is interested in our country and in Jewish culture.

## Dry Bones



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## Deny legitimacy to the PLO

MA'ARIV (Independent), commenting on Farouk Kaddoumi's remarks at the opening session of the Security Council debate on the Middle East, says that since the PLO's clear objective is the elimination of Israel, there is no place for Israel to give legitimization to such a forum.

YEDIOT AHABONOT (Independent) writes: "The situation created yesterday is quite clear: When the U.S. was able to prevent the invitation of the PLO, it did not want to. And then when it wanted to prevent the invitation — it couldn't. Now there is every reason to assume that, should the U.S. again wish to chop off

the wings of the PLO, it will again choose not to do so."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) is concerned by the possibility that rather than try to amend Resolutions 242 and 338 the Arabs will try to pass an additional resolution speaking of the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians." The U.S., it says, "may find such a move difficult to veto." At the same time the paper notes that the U.S. declaration that it will veto any proposal that the PLO attend the Geneva Conference, adds further weight to the promise that it will at least veto any changes in resolutions 242 and 338 themselves.

## VALUE ADDED TAX — WHAT'S NEW?

Value Added Tax will be introduced in the near future, and the Customs and Excise Department is publishing background information, details and current announcements on the new tax, in a series of special notices.

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The notices will appear in The Jerusalem Post twice a week, on Page 7.

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